

Bernard Moore to George Washington, October 21, 1766, 19th-century transcription by William B. Sprague, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM COLONEL BERNARD MOORE. ¹ [A Copy.]

21 Oct. 1766

MY DEAR SIR,

Your favour received & should have answered it long before this, but expected to have had the pleasure of seeing you at Williamsburg this Court, but am prevented by a long spell of the ague and fever, and am so unwell as not to attend the Genl. Court. I am extremely obliged to you for your kind offer in taking my bond for principal & interest of my old Bond. I declare to you it is not in my power to collect in what moneys are due to me or else should be able to pay you the interest. I shall be obliged to you to let me know what sum I owe you and then I will give you the bond with security; such as I have no doubt you will approve of. Your great kindness to me heretofore convinces me that you will not distress a family so large as mine is, and you may depend no one shall fall on more speedy and honest methods to extricate themselves out of their troubles than I will do.²

With great truth Yr. Affect. BERD. MOORE

¹ Bernard Moore, of "Chelsea," son of Augustine and Elizabeth Moore, married Anne Catharine, daughter of Governor Spotswood. One of their daughters married Charles Carter, of Shirley, and was grandmother to General Robert Edward Lee. Bernard Moore was for many years a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses.

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Brock, in the Spotswood Papers, connects Colonel Augustine Moore, "of Chelsea," Virginia, with Sir Thomas More, of "Chelsca," England.

2 Collo Bernard MooreDrs 2758 To your Bond given to (Mrs Custis) . . for £2400--- May 22 2762 To 3 years Interest on Ditto a 5 p/t. pr. an 220--- £2620 2763 To your Bill of Excha: on Mr. Thos. Usher returned under protest – dated 30th. Apl. 2763 ... for Sterlg £200--- May 2 2767 To Intt. from the date of ye. above Bill untill now 40--- 240 .. 0 .. 0 To Cost of protest - .. 4 .. 3 £240 .. 4 .. 3 ContraCrs. By my Bond drawn payable to Collo. Spotswoods Exr. £223--- By your Order on Jno Robinson Esqr. 87--- By your Bond Assigned to Miss Custis 2400 £2620 2767 May 2 By Miss Custis allowed her in yr. Bond with Jno. Baylor Esqr. Security for £2338 .. 22 .. 0 My part of which being 240 .. 4 .. 3 240 .. 4 .. 3 (Washington's Ledger.)